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In response to the Office Action mailed on July 12, 2002, (Paper No. 4), please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

36. (Amended) A method for detecting a nucleic acid target sequence comprising:
  - a) hybridizing a signal primer comprising an adapter sequence to the target sequence such that the adapter sequence comprises a 5' overhang;
  - b) producing a complement of the adaptor sequence;